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COUNCIL MEETING

Held November 2, 2021

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The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Office. Mayor Jim Nelson called the Council session to order with the following members present:

COUNCIL: Jim Nelson, , Cheryl Friend, Jym Longstreth, Harry Strain, Jesse Mann, David Lockhart
Guest: Dan Huffman, Monte Smith, Sean Root, Amie Sword, Josie DGHD, Liz Baker
Abs: Mark Wicker and Elaine McFarland

The audience and council were reminded to silence all cell phones. The audience was informed that they were to state their names any time they wanted to talk during the community comments and requests section of the meeting or at any other time during the meeting.

Council was reminded to state their names when making a motion and when they seconded the motion. The person making the motion would write the motion down so it could be read again prior to a vote and then the written motion would be given to the Fiscal Officer for the record.

MINUTES

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the 10/5/2021 meeting minutes. Harry Strain seconded.

**Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes,
David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to change the date on the October 15 special meeting minutes. Jym Longstreth seconded.

**Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes,
David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the 10/15/2021 special meeting minutes. Harry Strain seconded.

**Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes,
David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Josie is here from the Health District in Delaware. She will be attending our meetings from now on. The Community Health assessment went out in the mail. DGHD is having a recycle Christmas lights. All lights can be dropped off at the DGHD. They are getting a good response for kids getting the vaccine.

Jim Nelson announced that Dan Huffman is retiring December 31, 2021 and John Hines will be taking over for him. Dan indicated that he has been here with the village 19 years. Wow. We are very lucky to have had him on our team. Jim indicated that we have cupcakes and drinks to celebrate with Dan and we have a little plaque for him for his service. John will get a contact to us and he will be paid \$500 per pay date (Same as Dan).

Resolution 2021-017 – Hiring of John Hines to replace Dan Huffman

Cheryl Friend moved to suspend the rules, Jym Longstreth seconded.

**Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes,
David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0**

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Harry Strain seconded.

**Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes,
David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0**

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Cheryl Friend seconded

**Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes,
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Sean Root is here from OHM – Monte indicated that we need to get a contract with Sean/OHM. There are several levels of service to have OHM available to us at all times. Sean explained the details of tasks, then he explained the fee schedule. Cheryl ask about invoice, and Sean explained that he would provide council with a monthly report on what's going on.

Resolution 2021-018 - Contract with OHM for Engineering Services

Jym Longstreth moved to suspend the rules, Cheryl Friend seconded.

Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Harry Strain seconded.

Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0

Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, Jym Longstreth seconded

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Amee Sword gave updates at the library. Put in a new drain to eliminate the water in the basement. Sewer cleaned out as it backed up last week. Little Library's are doing well. There are new items in there and she has not put in there so people are using this. The Friends of Ashley Fall Fest is Saturday, November 13th out side in the white Lilly parking lot. Skate Park meeting tomorrow at 1:00. We sill have Covid Kits available.

David Lockhart ask the chief if he would be at the Fall Fair and he indicated that he would be there to help ask questions if any one happens to stop by and ask.

FISCAL OFFICER

Renee went over bank rec for September 2021. There are several checks that were not cashed. They are cell phone stipends and it was indicated to do direct deposit for these and void the old ones. The adj. was for a returned check.

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the bank rec for September 30, 2021, David Lockhart seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 6-0

Jim, Haley and Renee met with Rae Jean Brown and she has agreed to take over while Haley is out starting December 1, 2021. We believe that she will work out fine. Cheryl ask what we are going to pay her and we indicated her pay would be \$13 per hour.

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POLICE – Went over Oct report. Wrapping up investigating reports. Halloween was a fun night. Weather was great and there was a lot of people out. Stop sign knocked down. Had Mark and Jeff put it back up. Got rid of camper that was in the White Lilly parking lot. Zach and Chief are currently attending a training all week. Waiting on the Villa Board on grant to purchase some items. We are opening 3 investing on junk cars. Chief spoke to Larry Mickey and he was embarrassed about the looks of the property and he will be working with his son to clean up. Jesse ask about the new format of the police report. Chief indicated that it is faster to do. Edward is here and will be starting on Nov 22, 2021. Scott indicated he wanted to request a take home vehicle. Since we are short on staff. Cheryl Friend indicated that we have had issues with this in the past. Jim Longstreth indicated that we should be self efficient enough that we do not need to have someone driving a car home. Jesse expressed concerns about turning in mileage with the IRS. David Lockhart ask if there was anything in the past that would be beneficial for him to come to Ashley in a hurry. He has not been called by Delaware but he has come up and helped with our officers. Cheryl ask about the pink letters on the cruiser and if we can call and get those colors changed? Yes Chief will contact them and check into that.

PERSONNEL – We already talked about Rae Jean Brown to fill in for Haley. She will be a good fit.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – Still waiting to hear about grants.

PARKS & RECS – Everything is winterized and put away. The guys are going to mow one more time. We do have plans in the spring to get all the trees cut around the reservoir.

SAFETY/STREETS/ALLEYS – The guys are getting close to getting the water meters done. They are having issues with one of the readers. Jim and Renee met with ODOT about 229. ODOT wants to take 229 down to the brick and repave at the cost of the Village. It would cost approximately 1 Million dollars. Jim and Renee also met with Columbia Gas. They will be replacing all the gas lines in the village starting 2022.

NEWSLETTER – Nothing to report

Regional Planning November 18, 2021- Jesse said it was his turn to attend.

Resolution 2021-019 – Medical Mutual Health Insurance

Cheryl Friend moved to suspend the rules, David Lockhart seconded.

Roll Call: Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Harry Strain seconded.

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Resolution 2021-020 – OHM to apply for funding – Grants etc.

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David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0**

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David Lockhart – yes. Motion Passed 4-0**

Cheryl Friend made motion to pay the bills, David Lockhart seconded.

David Lockhart made the motion to adjourn until December 7, 2021, Cheryl Friend seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick